

May 29. 1838.

To the Board of Managers of the Massa-
chusetts Anti-Slavery Society,



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The undersigned entered on the general agency of the Society, at the beginning of the year, with the condition, among others, that he might leave the agency, should he desire it, at the close of the year. He supposes also, although this was not specified in the engagements, that the Board have the corresponding right of saying whether ^{or not,} they wish him to stay longer. The undersigned is willing, should the Board desire it, to remain in the agency another year, & to do what he can in carrying out the plan of operations proposed to be pursued by the Board. But as the year will close on the 1st of June, & as the plan of operations proposed is one of great importance, it seems proper that the question of his continuance in the office of general agent should come before the Board for their decision. This is the object of the present communication; &

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in deciding
~~in acting upon~~ the question, who shall occupy
this office, the ensuing year, whether the pres-
-ent incumbent or some other person, the
undersigned hopes the Board will be governed
by no personal considerations in the case,
but purely, by what in their judgment, will
most effectually promote the cause of the
slave.

With sentiments of respect & esteem

A. A. Phelps.

Boston May 29. 1838.

The above having been laid before the Board,

On motion, voted That Mr. Phelps be re-appointed as
general agent, for one year, from June next, at the
same salary as before.

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Resolved That the results of immediate emancipation in Antigua, where there were fifteen slaves to one white person, are of the most cheering & satisfactory character - just what the philosopher might have anticipated from the conversion of enemies into friends, what the Christian might have expected from obedience to God's command, to "let the oppressed go free", & what have always been predicted by immediate abolitionists; - that they are a practical illustration of the truth of the doctrine that it is always wise & safe to do right, & a great source of encouragement to the friends of the suffering slave, in their efforts to accomplish the same happy results in this country.

Letter

Boston May 29. 1838.

Mr. Cogswell

Dear Sir

Enclosed, I send you one of the resolutions that will be offered at the meeting of the Anti-Slavery Convention on Thursday

morning; & in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements
invite you to be present on the occasion, & see
or offer the resolution, as you may prefer. As you
are understood to coincide with us in our gen-
eral principles & movements, & as you have not
deemed it incompatible with your duties as sec-
retary of the Am. Ed. Society, to be present & take
a similar part to day, in the exercises of the
Prison Discipline Society, it is hoped that you will
find it convenient, as it will doubtless be a-
greeable, to aid us in the manner & at the
time proposed. Should it be inconvenient to you
to be present all the morning, the resolution
shall be brought forward at such a time as
will accommodate you.

Please inform me, as soon as conve-
nient, by a line at the A. S. Office, whether we
may depend on your assistance.

Yours truly

A. A. Phelps.

Rev. A. A. Phelps.

My Dear Brother,
Yours

note of the 29th instant has just been received. In reply, I have to state, that I expect to leave this City at 3 o'clock this afternoon for New York. It will, therefore, be impracticable for me to comply with the request of your Board of Managers. In very great haste.

Wednesday, Affectionately yours,
May 30, 1830. W. Cogswell.

Letter to Mr. Phelps

My dear brother

It is of the 27th of the month that I was
informed by your nephew John
that you had written to him
to let him know that you
were at 30 North Street
Boston for the purpose of
visiting him. I am
glad to hear of it.
The great object of my journey
is to see you and to
be with you. I am
very anxious to see you
and to be with you.
I am, dear brother,
very truly yours,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison